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1. GOI PUBLIC ATTITUDE TOWARD US DIEGO GARCIA PROPOSAL IS UNFAVORABLE THOUGH STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN MODERATE IN TONE. GOI HAS REFRAINED FROM TAKING POSITION OF OUTRIGHT OPPOSITION TO ANNOUNCED U.S. PLANS FOR ISLAND BUT HAS EXPRESSED FEAR THAT DIEGO GARCIA WILL BECOME "MILITARY BASE".

2. GOI PUBLIC POSITION, AS STATED BY PRESIDENT SUHARTO SHORTLY AFTER DIEGO GARCIA EXPANSION ANNOUNCED, IS THAT
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INDONESIA OPPOSES ANY ENLARGEMENT OF MILITARY PRESENCE IN

INDIAN OCEAN AND WOULD FOLLOW WITH DEEP CONCERN EXPANSION OF US AND BRITISH ACTIVITIES ON DIEGO GARCIA. THESE REMARKS MADE FEBURARY 9, 1974 DURING SWEARING-IN CEREMONY FOR FOUR INDONESIAN AMBASSADORS (REFS A AND B). ON MARCH 5, 1974, DURING DEPUTY SECRETARY RUSH'S VISIT TO INDONESIA, FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK, IN STATEMENT TO PRESS, NOTED RUSH'S ASSURANCE THAT EXPANSION INVOLVED ONLY HARBOR, REPAIR, AND MAINTENANCE FACILITIES AND SAID THAT, NOTWITHSTANDING, INDONESIA WOULD BE CONCERNED IF DIEGO GARCIA LATER BECAME MILITARY BASE (REF C). ACCORDING TO ONE NEWS SERVICE, MALIK SAID INDONESIA DID NOT OBJECT TO "TECHNICAL FACILITIES FOR REPAIR OF SHIPS" BUT WAS AGAINST A "BASE" THERE.

3. THOUGH WE HAVE NO RECORD OF SUBSEQUENT AUTHORITATIVE GOI STATEMENTS REFERRING SPECIFICALLY TO DIEGO GARCIA, THERE IS NO EVIDENCE GOI ATTITUDE HAS CHANGED SINCE EARLY 1974. GOI OFFICIALS HAVE CONTINUED TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR INDIAN OCEAN ZONE OF PEACE AND TO STATE CONCERN OVER MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN AREA. TYPICAL IS MALIK PRESS CONFERENCE STATEMENT NOVEMBER 18, 1974 THAT GOI DISTURBED ABOUT DISPLAY OF FORCE BY US SEVENTH FLEET AND SOVIET SHIPS IN INDIAN OCEAN AND REGRETTED MILITARY COMPETITION BY GREAT POWERS THERE (REF D). END UNCLASSIFIED

4. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. AS FOR PRIVATE POSITION, SEVERAL SENIOR OFFICERS HAVE TOLD THE DATT THAT ALTHOUGH THEY COULD NOT OPENLY SUPPORT US NAVAL PRESENCE ON DIEGO GARCIA, THEY PRIVATELY APPLAUDED IT, AND WE BELIEVE MANY GOI MILITARY LEADERS RECOGNIZE THAT IT IS IN INDONESIA'S INTEREST FOR US TO PROVIDE COUNTER TO SOVIET NAVAL BUILD UP IN INDIAN OCEAN. DURING ASST SECRETARY HABIB'S MAY 27 MEETING WITH GENERAL SURONO AND OTHER SENIOR GENERALS, HE EMPHASIZED THT US WAS GOING AHEAD WITH PLANS FOR THE DIEGO GARCIA FACILITY. THE INDONESIANS DID NOT COMMENT, EITHER POSITIVELY OR NEGATIVELY.

5. IN DESCRIBING INDONESIAN PUBLIC POSTION TO CONGRESS, BELIEVE DEPARTMENT WOULD BE ON FIRM GROUND IF IT STUCK WITH CONFIDENTIAL

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FORMULATION STATED BY SUHARTO IN FEBRUARY 1974. WE DO NOT RPT NOT CONSIDER THAT "NO OBJECTION" STATEMENT BY ALWAYS CHANGEABLE MALIK AS CITED PARA 2 INDICATES GOI ACQUIESENCE IN OUR DIEGO GARCIA PROPOSAL AND BELIEVE THT REFERENCE TO IT IN TESTIMONY TO CONGRESS WOULD DRAW AN ANGRY ENIAL IF IT CAME TO GOI'S ATTENTION. WE ALSO RECOMMEND AGAINST ANY STATEMENT SUGGESTING THAT GOI PRIVATE POSITION DIFFERS FROM PUBLIC ONE. END CONFIDENTIAL.

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